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Dear Madam:

It is respectfully requested that the reference(s) listed on the enclosed form be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. patent application. A copy of each reference which is not a U.S. patent or patent application is enclosed. Translations of References BA, BB, BD and BE are provided herewith.

Upon information and belief, the relevance of Reference BC is as follows:

The reference discloses a method for modifying the characteristics of a synthetic fiber or fabric by grafting aqueous vinyl monomers to the fiber or fabric. The claims of Reference BC say that the grafting solution contains vinyl carboxylic monomers, a water insoluble organic catalyst, quaternary ammonium-based surfactant, and at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of (I) vinyl monomer having alkyl group(s) or hydroxyalkyl group(s), (II) the monomer having 2 or more vinyl groups, the molecular weight of which is 500 or less (III) basic

vinyl monomer, (IV) acrylamide monomer, (V) vinyl monomer having a polyoxyalkylene moiety, and (VI) vinyl monomer having a sulfonic group. The specification of Reference BC discloses that such grafting solution gives a high grafting rate in the grafting reaction, and improved fabric characteristics such as hygroscopic property, water absorbability, antistatic property, and antifouling property.

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